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BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Dr. E. E. Potter of Pownal is in the village today.

Fred C. Brown of Pownal was an all day visitor in the village today.

Mrs. Wilson Darrow of South street is confined to her home by a slight illness.

The listers will begin making their annual valuation of town property on Saturday.

W. D. Pelley visited his sister, Mrs. Paul H. Phillips in Springfield, Mass., Tuesday.

Coming to Harte theatre Friday Denman Thompson's "Old Homestead," Paramount feature.

Miss Marion Edgerton of Rutland is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Anna McGovern of Maple street.

Charles Alsworth of Park street extension, who has been ill, is reported improved and able to be about.

Valeska Suratt is supported in "The Immigrant" by Theodore Roberts and Thomas Melghan, Harte Theatre today.

Miss Ruth Smith of Rutland is spending a week with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. John Gilrain on Depot street.

Opera house, tomorrow, the favorite screen star Violet Mersereau in a five-part drama of idyllic love, "The Path of Happiness." Adv.

Valeska Suratt in "The Immigrant" a photo metro drama showing the destruction of a whole town by a bursting dam, Harte Theatre today. Adv.

Don't miss the big five-part feature "Should a Woman Divorce?" and chapter 23 of "The Diamond from the Sky," opera house today. Adv.

The celebrated Valeska Suratt in "The Immigrant," five part Paramount feature and a beautiful scenic reel, Harte Theatre today. Adv.

"The fight in 'Secret Love' is as thrilling as any yet staged for the screen,"—Cleveland Plaindealer. Coming to the opera house Friday. Adv.

The meeting of Division C of the Second Congregational Church has been changed from Thursday of this week until Wednesday of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. VonDette leave today for Cleveland, O. Mr. VonDette will return next week but Mrs. VonDette will remain in Ohio for some time.

Miss Nellie Hathaway entertained the Bennington Camp Fire Girls Monday evening. The girls sewed on the baby's outfit for the kit, which they expect to send to the Belgians.

Vous invite avec votre compagne to demi-carnegie jeudi soir le 30 a la salle des Forester Catholique pour le whist, il aura un prix annuel pour le meilleur habier. Admission 10 cents. Adv.

A powerful five-part dramatic photoplay, "Should a Woman Divorce?" featuring the famous stars Lea Leland and Louisa Samoloff. The social problem of today. Opera house tonight. Adv.

The visit to Bennington of Major R. H. Hendershot, the Drummer Boy of the Rappahannock, will be on Wednesday evening, April 19. This will be an entertainment entirely out of the usual order.

The social department of the Epworth League have arranged for an informal social this evening in the lower rooms of the M. E. church, to which a cordial invitation is extended. A free will offering will be taken.

Harry Willoughby has made over a building owned by him in the lane in a two-tenement house. The general outline of the structure is an improvement to the street and the tenements will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Dog owners have three more days in which to take out licenses for the canine members of their families. "On or before April 1" is the way the statute reads. Not many licenses have been taken out as yet and Town Clerk E. A. Booth expects to be busy on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles R. Farnum of Main street has been called to Worcester owing to the illness of Mr. Farnum who is employed in that city. Mr. Farnum was taken suddenly ill on Sunday afternoon and his family was immediately wired for. No news of his present condition has yet been received.

The license commissioners will not organize until the first part of next week. A year ago the commissioners, who are constituted by the board for 1916, organized and carried out a portion of their duties before April 1. When the accounts reached the state auditor he refused to allow the charges for services performed before April 1. This year, profiting by experience, the commissioners are "lying low" until after All Fools day. It is probable that Edwin D. Moore will act as secretary of the board this year.

John J. Squires of the west end has been bringing cabbages into town the past few days by the team load. Around 40 crates of the vegetables were brought in one day and they are excellent specimens and well-preserved considering the length of time they have been kept. Mr. Squires grows some of the finest cabbage in this section, raising around 3000 head the past year. He has no extraordinary facilities for keeping them and yet has been able to deliver large quantities in good condition to the local trade.

The committee of members of the Bradford Hook and Ladder company held a meeting last evening for the purpose of closing up the affairs of the recent fair held by that organization. The committee is composed of William Barber, William Schindler, Edgar Buss, F. Howard Ferguson, William P. Hogan and John J. Hayes. The treasurer of the committee, William P. Hogan, reported that the bills for the fair had all been paid and that there was a balance to the credit of the company of \$415. The committee wishes through the columns of the Banner to express its appreciation of the assistance of friends which helped to make the fair a success and to extend thanks to the public for its generous patronage.

DORSET

Paul Fowler of Manchester was in town Friday on business.

T. E. Combs returned Saturday after a six weeks absence in New York city. Charles E. Connell left Sunday evening for a business trip of several days to New York city.

Thomas B. Pratt of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bernice B. Sheldon.

Miss Helen Hersey of New York city was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fahrenstock.

Miss Anna Carhart left Tuesday for New York city where she will remain with relatives for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Matson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Sheldon in Pawlet during the week-end.

Kimball O. Tift left Saturday for a 10 days stay with relatives in Orange, Greenfield and Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. George H. Gilbert returned Saturday from a week's visit with friends in Wellesley Hills and Cambridge, Mass.

At the auction held at the Moses Tift place Saturday, the real estate was sold to Mrs. Edward Tift. Price \$325.

Miss Elizabeth Harwood left Monday for Brattleboro, where she will be a guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Mauley.

Several farmers have tapped their sugar orchards on a small scale, yet no new sugar has been brought in up to this writing.

Alton Kent came home Saturday from State School of Agriculture at Randolph Center to spend the spring vacation with his parents.

Wilfred Gilbert of Great Barrington, Mass., is spending the spring vacation with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Geo. H. Gilbert on the West road.

Mrs. Roscoe Wilson and little son returned Thursday to their home in West Hebron, N. Y., after a month's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peltier.

Louis Bacheider, who is teaching school in Hartford, Conn., arrived in town Friday to spend the spring vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bacheider.

Deacon G. M. Sykes arrived in town Tuesday from Chicago where he has been spending the winter with his son. The Deacon has opened his house on Church street for the season.

Prof. E. C. Bryant of Middlebury college gave a lecture on Astronomy in the lecture room at the church Tuesday evening, which was held under the auspices of the Dorset Natural Science club.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Durand and daughter, Caroline, returned to Chicago Wednesday. While in town they inspected their new summer home and took advantage of many sleigh-rides to view the winter scenery.

Mrs. C. E. Connell, who was called to Birmingham, N. Y., on account of the critical illness of her nephew, returned Thursday. The young man is out of danger and is slowly recovering from a surgical operation.

Miss Annie Childs, formerly house-keeper at the Manley home, who has been at the home of her brother, M. L. Childs at Manchester Depot while recovering from an attack of pneumonia, is in town for a week's visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aborn spent several days last week at Waile Inn, returning to New York city Friday.

At the regular Sunday evening service of the Christian Endeavor society Rev. J. S. Dickerman gave a lecture on China illustrated by a number of stereoscopic slides before a large audience.

Hon. A. L. Bowen, of South Dorset, the veteran historian and non-diplomatic contributor to various publications was in town Friday greeting old friends and acquaintances. On his return home via West Road, Mr. Bowen had the misfortune to be tipped out of his sleigh while attempting to leave the well beaten path to allow a team to pass by. A lady in a nearby house acted the part of the good Samaritan by assisting Mr. Bowen in getting his rig righted for the homeward journey.

Fully 100 members attended the meeting of Washington Pomona held in School Hall Friday evening. The ideal weather brought out a large number in spite of the deep snow and bad roads.

Warning to Dog Owners. All owners of dogs are warned to keep their dogs under restraint until after the snow leaves the ground. On account of the deep snow the deer are unable to protect themselves from dogs that are permitted to run at large. Any uncollared dog seen in the woods is liable to be shot.

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travelling. Supper was served at 6.30 by Dorset Grange. The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Master, Dr. H. B. Denman of Pawlet Grange.

Miss Winifred Smith of Mettewee Valley Grange was elected to serve as financial secretary, and Amy Harwood of Dorset Grange was elected to serve as Flora for the coming year. The executive committee were instructed to confer with State Master Cady to engage the secretary of the national grange to speak before the Pomona Grange at a Field Day to be held in August. A class of 14 were instructed in the 5th degree. Following the business session, the new officers were installed by Past Master E. H. West assisted by Dr. H. B. Denman and Miss Winifred Smith. The following officers were installed: Worthy Master, George Goodspeed of Cold Spring Grange; overseer, Florence Lackey of Mettewee Valley Grange; steward, R. M. Campbell of Dorset Grange; lecturer, Mrs. H. D. Denman of Mettewee Valley Grange; chaplain, E. Simmons of Dorset; secretary, W. C. Mason of Mettewee Valley Grange; treasurer, C. N. Williams of Dorset; assistant steward, J. W. Clark of Cold Spring Grange; gate keeper, Ned Haskins of Mettewee Valley Grange; Ceres, Maud Alexander of Mettewee Valley Grange; Pomona, Mrs. George Goodspeed of Cold Spring Grange; Flora, Amy Harwood of Dorset; lady assistant steward, Mrs. J. W. Clark of Cold Spring Grange. Battenhill Valley Grange of Manchester was represented by several members. Dancing followed the meeting, music being furnished by Lovejoy's orchestra of Manchester.

WEST RUPERT

George Knights has gone to work for Will Farrar of Rupert.

Charles Sheldon of Greenwich attended church here Sunday.

Willie Knights has hired out to Mr. Parker of Granville for the coming season.

Mrs. Bert Sherman is sick and her mother, Mrs. Whipple of Glens Falls is here caring for her.

Some of our farmers have commenced sugaring. Others are holding off for fear they can't reach their buckets after the snow settles and the season closes.

Rev. Mr. Appleman of the Deciple church tendered his resignation to take effect May 1st. He will leave many friends who will regret his departure to other fields.

A case was tried last week in Salem, N. Y., against Harvey Lincoln of this place. It was claimed that the defendant had obtained a hunting license illegally, it was claimed by the state that because the occupant had paid the taxes on real estate owned by the said defendant rendered him a non-tax payer. After a very short deliberation the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. M. D. Wheadon of Granville appeared for the people and James Gilson of Salem for the defendant.

The plant of the Estes Birch Co., situated on East street burned to the ground last Monday about 6 o'clock. The fire was discovered by Merritt Horton who blew the whistle. The building was so dry it burned like tinder and before many minutes it had burned through the roof. Although many people arrived nothing could be done and the whole structure went up in ashes. A strange coincidence was the fact that the company had only about 1-2 days work to do before finishing the mill work here and would have torn down and removed to other fields of labor soon.

NORTH WHITE CREEK

Mrs. John O'Brien is on the sick list.

James Bennett was in White Creek on business Monday.

I. M. Bailey is doing carpenter work at Joseph St. Peter's.

Frank Bailey, who has been ill of pneumonia is out again.

Ernest Bennett spent two days last week the guest of his brother at Archdale.

Mrs. Miriam Warren, who has been very ill with grip and throat trouble, is improving.

The Misses Anna and Mary Guher have returned home after spending a few days with relatives in Argyle.

At the Presbyterian parsonage Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock Isalah M. Bentley and Mrs. Frankie Cornell were united in marriage. The Rev. Mr. Turnbull performing the ceremony.

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SHAFTSBURY VALLEY

Mrs. Orville Fillmore was a Bennington visitor Monday.

Suppt. J. D. Whittier visited the Valley school Thursday.

Edward Bouplon recently purchased a fine horse in Cambridge.

Miss Theresa McGuire was at her home in Shaftsbury over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bouplon were in Bennington on business Monday.

Several from the Valley attended the auction of Walter Peters Saturday.

Edward Bouplon was home over Sunday from his school in Hoosick Falls.

C. R. & A. B. Hawkins team made its first trip through the Valley Friday since March 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Estes of Bennington visited at the home of F. W. Fuller Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Allard and Mrs. Chester Houston of Bennington were week end guests of Mrs. Jane Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrington of North Hoosick, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shortt Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Millington of North Bennington were week end guests at his mother's Mrs. Eliza Millington.

Rufus Howard, who resides in Kansas wrote March 19 that the farmers there were sowing oats and preparing corn ground for planting. Let us hope that farmers in this section will soon be plowing something besides snow.

News was received last week from Riverside, California of the serious illness of Mrs. J. N. Wilkinson of that place, nee Olive Howard, oldest daughter of the late Otis Howard, who were natives of Shaftsbury. She was stricken with apoplexy.

The warm sunshine of March 25, 26 and 27 has reduced the snow very fast and fears which were entertained for a heavy flood at first have disappeared. Sugar makers are kept busy in this section as sap runs freely. In the drifted sections it is neither sleighing nor wheeling.

Miss Jean C. Niles of White Creek lost a valuable package in Bennington last Thursday and promptly put a lost ad in the Evening Banner which resulted in a telephone message Saturday morning that the missing package was found which was very gratifying to Miss Jean and showed the quick and efficient service of the Banner.

The sugar social at Frank Fuller's Friday evening was a success socially and financially. More than 60 were present. Credit is due the literary committee, Misses Lillian and Helen Bouplon, Grace Lape, Jean Miles, Mrs. R. McNeil, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Sisson and John Bennett, each rocking in a very creditable manner. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid of White Creek M. E. church.

WOODFORD.

M. S. Knights was in Bennington on Saturday.

Dennis Hall of Ferndale was in the City Monday.

Thomas Rogers was in Bennington Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Boynton passed one day last week North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Bennington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Knights Sunday.

George A. Wood of Bennington passed Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wood.

The sugar-eat that was held at the home of Mrs. George W. Wood Saturday evening was a great success.

There is a letter at the Woodford post office for Miss Emma C. Bethel, if not called for, it will be sent to the dead letter office.

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